

## COLLECTIONS

**Table 5**  
***School Library Collections: Size of Book Collection***

Student Population	Below standard	Acceptable	Exemplary
Less than 300 students	Less than 4500 items	Minimum of 4500 items or 30 items/student whichever is greater	Minimum of 5000 items or 35 items/student whichever is greater
300-499 students	Less than 10,000 items	Minimum of 10,000 items or 25 items/student whichever is greater	Minimum of 15,000 items or 35 items/student whichever is greater
500-999 students	Less than 15,000 items	Minimum of 15,000 items or 22 items/student whichever is greater	Minimum of 25,000 items or 30 items/student whichever is greater
More than 1000 students	Less than 30,000 items	Minimum of 30,000 items or 20 items/student whichever is greater	Minimum of 40,000 items or 25 items/student whichever is greater

***Note:*** For both primary and high school grades, the ratio of fiction to nonfiction including reference should range from 15-30% fiction and 70-85% nonfiction/reference.

***Note:*** With regard to reference materials, general encyclopedias should be no older than 5 years, and every effort should be made to ensure the currency of atlases, almanacs, and specialized encyclopedias.